

# STEEL SCHEDULES UP TO PRESIDENT

## Hines and Peek Declared in Hopeless Deadlock on Prices and Policy

### TOO HIGH, SAYS RAIL CHIEF

Washington, April 11.—All hope of reaching an agreement between the railroad administration and the industrial board, of the Department of Commerce, either upon a schedule of steel prices or the policy to be passed by the board, as a governmental price establishing agency, has been definitely abandoned, as a result of latest developments in the controversy over the administration's only program of industrial reconstruction.

Director General Hines formally reiterated last night his statement that the steel prices were too high, and definitely declined to consider the industrial board's approval of them as binding upon the railroad administration. At the same time, George N. Peek, chairman of the board, asserted emphatically that Mr. Hines' attitude would not force the board either to rescind its policy or resign. Secretary Redfield, who brought the board into being, Mr. Peek asserted, would appeal again to President Wilson, and meanwhile board members would sit tight.

As predicted a week ago, the President will be forced to take some action to straighten out the situation. Either he must back Director Hines and Carter Glass, secretary of the treasury, in their stand that the board has assumed authority never intended for it, or he must endorse the attitude of the board that it was established by executive approval to determine "fair" prices with industry, in an attempt to correct existing industrial stagnation.

The definite announcement of the positions of the parties to the dispute were made after a long conference between Director General Hines and Chairman Peek. Each issued a statement explaining his attitude and each blamed the other for the situation, which is viewed here as further delaying the government's attempt at industrial readjustment.

"No power was conferred upon the industrial board to impose prices on the railroad administration. The railroad administration retains this power and also is duty bound to exercise its own judgment," says Mr. Hines.

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# ALLIES WON IN 1916, GEN. HAIG DECLARES

## British Commander Says Breakdown of Russia Prolonged War a Year—Reviews Struggle From First German Rush

London, April 11.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in his final dispatch, now made public, presents an important review of the war and describes in detail the expansion and achievements of the British army, with many remarkable facts and figures. He treats the operations on the western front as a single continuous campaign, in which he can recognize the same general features and necessary stages that, between forces of approximately equal strength, have marked all the consecutive battles of history.

"The high water mark of our fighting strength in infantry," says the British commander, "was only reached after two and a half years of conflict, by which time heavy casualties had already been incurred. It was not until mid-summer, 1918, that the artillery situation became even approximately adequate to the conduct of major operations."

"During the Somme battle artillery ammunition had to be watched with the greatest care. During 1917 ammunition was plentiful, but the gun situation caused anxiety. It was only in 1918 that artillery operations could be conducted without any limiting consideration beyond that of transport."

"The margin with which the German onslaught of 1914 was stemmed was so narrow and the subsequent struggle was so severe that the word 'miraculous' is hardly too strong a term to describe the recovery and ultimate victory of the Allies."

"The breakdown of Russia in 1917 probably prolonged the war by a year, and the military situation in Italy in the autumn of 1917 necessitated the

transfer of five British divisions to Italy at a time when their presence in France might have had far-reaching effects."

**Battles of 1916 Won War**  
Sir Douglas records the interesting fact that more than half the British casualties in the fighting of 1918 occurred during the five months from March to July, when the Allies were on the defensive.

"The rapid collapse of Germany's military powers in the latter half of 1918," he says, "was the logical outcome of the fighting of the previous two years. It would not have taken place but for that period of ceaseless attrition which used up the German reserves. It is in the great battles of 1918 and 1917 that all have to seek for the secret of our victory in 1918."

The value of cavalry in modern war is emphasized by Sir Douglas Haig, and, in discussing the value of mechanical contrivances such as tanks, he observes that, immense as their influence might have been, they could not by themselves decide a campaign. Their true role is to assist infantrymen, by whose rifles and bayonets only can decisive victories be won.

**Shot 13,000 Tons in Day.**  
The expansion of British personnel, artillery, ammunition transport, railway construction and establishments of every kind in France is dwelt upon by the field marshal. Regarding machine guns, the British equipment increased from one gun to 500 infantrymen in 1914 to one to twenty infantrymen in 1918. The 485 pieces of artillery with which the British took the field in 1914

were represented at the date of the armistice by 6457.

On the first day of the Somme battle, in 1916, nearly 13,000 tons of artillery ammunition were fired by the British on the western front. On two days, September 21 and 22, 1917, 42,000 tons were expended, and in the three days of the crucial battle on September 27, 28 and 29, 1918, nearly 65,000 tons were fired by the British artillery.

Sir Douglas says that the feature of the war which to the historian may well appear most noteworthy is the creation of the new British army, which was successfully built up in the very midst of the war.

"The total of more than 327,000 German prisoners captured by us on the western front," says Sir Douglas, "is in striking contrast to the force of 65,000 men, with which we entered the war. That we should have been able to accomplish this stupendous task is due partly to the loyalty and devotion of our allies and to the splendid work of our royal navy, but mainly to the wonderful

spirit of the British race in all parts of the world."

**Haig Defends Cavalry**  
With respect to the use of cavalry, Sir Douglas Haig contends that in the light of full experience of the war the decision to preserve the cavalry corps has been completely justified.

"It has been proved," he adds, "that cavalry, whether used for shock effect under suitable conditions or as mobile infantry, still has an indispensable part to play in modern war. Moreover, it cannot safely be assumed that in all future wars the flanks of the opposing forces will rest on neutral states or impassable obstacles."

The field marshal devotes a special section to "Why we attacked whenever possible," in which he says: "The object of all war is victory, and a purely defensive attitude can never bring about a successful decision."

He emphasizes that the defensive role sooner or later produces a lowering of morale, while the defender becomes almost entirely ignorant of his opponent's dispositions and plans.

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Omaha, April 11.—A damage suit for \$120,000,000 was filed at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday night with the clerk of the District Court by John O. Yeiser, attorney for Louise Osborn Ferson and Grace Osborn, sisters, naming among its defendants the packing houses of Omaha.

The petition charges a grand conspiracy on the part of certain organizations in the United States and England to defraud the public, and sets forth the use of a patent which, the petition says, belongs to Louise Osborn Ferson and Grace Osborn. This patent, the petition alleges, has been used to great advantage by the defendants in making a biscuit of which the

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"Black Maria's" to Fly  
New York, April 11.—Two aerial "Black Maria's," piloted by members of New York's recently created "cloud cop" division, will make their first flights on May 6. Flying to the annual trial convention which opens in Atlantic City May 1. Two passengers will be taken in each plane.

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